

Appln. No.: 09/429,643
Amendment dated July X, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 11, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Final Office Action of April 11, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 68-70 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 4-20, 22-24, 26-42, 44-51, 53, and 98-102 remain pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-2, 4-20, 22-24, 26-42, 44-51, 53, and 98-102 are allowed.

Claims 68-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Basilico (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,360, hereinafter referred to as *Basilico*) in view of Carmi (U.S. Patent No. 5,311,593, hereinafter referred to as *Carmi*). Without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 68-70 in the present matter without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file claims 68-70 in a continuation and/or continuation-in-part application as desired.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. No fee is believed due, however, if any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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